



August 20, 2007

Chair of Continuing Contract Committee:

When Dean Smires asked what I considered the strengths of FCCJ, I quickly replied that I am most proud of the college's ability to have chosen an individual the caliber of Dr. Margaret Clark to be a member of our faculty. Margaret Clark brings to our college a background rich in literary accomplishment, coupled with a history of scholarly achievement.

As a faculty member her service to FCCJ has provided a higher standard towards which we all aspire. The confluence of her many abilities in the classroom has proven her to be a master teacher.

The credentials Dr. Clark brought to FCCJ are exemplary. At LSU she was the recipient of numerous awards and commendations such as the Sarah L. Liggett Teaching Award for Excellence, James Sims Award for Best Paper Based on Religious Aspect in English Literature, Graduate School Scholar Enhancement Award, etc.

At FCCJ Dr. Clark continues to add to her scholarly endeavors, for in the spring of 2008 she will be presenting a paper to the National American Literature Association Conference. Please note that American Literature Conference paper will be authored by "Margaret Clark, Ph.D., Florida Community College at Jacksonville." Other of her literary works have been published, and at least three are currently under review and consideration for future publication.

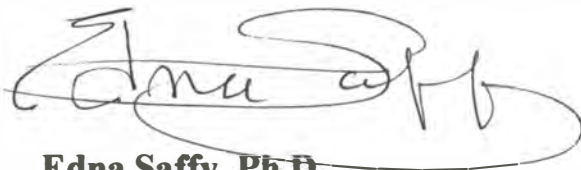
Her service to our college in these past few years reflects what an incredible individual we have on our faculty. As Editor-in-Chief of our Kalliope Journal she has expanded the influence, reputation, and acclaim of FCCJ's journal of art and literature. Not only has she accomplished this scholarly feat, but she also has brought the journal into a state of financial success not previously reached since its inception.

We see the committees she serves on as setting the future direction of our college. Among these responsibilities Margaret Clark is noted as the Developer, Implementor and Professor of the Sirius Project. She is the Developer of SLS 1931 which combines Student Life Skills with composition development. She has developed and teaches a sophomore level course Introduction to Shakespeare. She was Program Coordinator for the Mentoring Program we now have. The list of this woman's service to our College continues.

Perhaps I should not have saved for the last her pedagogical depth, since her skill, as a teacher is a reflection of her commitment of service to this college. Her literary past and her current service provide the basis for the acclaim this master teacher receives for skills within the classroom. Her students seek her out. They speak highly of her to their other teachers. They register for her in-depth courses. Her evaluations are consistently excellent. Other professors (including the writer of this letter) seek her out for information, input and guidance.

We are aware that Dr. Margaret Clark is a symbol of the future for Florida Community College. Dr. Clark is that which each of us hopes to become—a true scholar and a dedicated academic.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Edna Saffy', enclosed within a large, loopy oval flourish.

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